

Please work to block Sinclair Broadcasting's use of public airwaves in such a disturbing and unfair manner. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. If they, or any other mega-media corporation cannot uphold their obligation to serve the public interest then true democracy means nothing here in America. When we do not have the courage to fight for what is right here at home we make a mockery of the very "model of democracy" we hope to spread across this troubled world.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.